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For: BROADBAND PIN DIODE ATTENUATOR

BIAS NETWORK

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 23, 2004, please consider amending the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper, wherein claims 10, 22, 24, 25, 43, 44 and 52 are canceled and claim 45 is amended to place it in independent form.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.